

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 623

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to name a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in McNairy County in honor of the late Frederick D. Wyke.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetime, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Frederick D. Wyke, an accomplished athlete who was a longtime resident of the Town of Eastview and McNairy County; and

WHEREAS, Frederick D. Wyke was the first, and to date, only athlete from McNairy Central High School to win a gold medal in the Tennessee state track and field competition, finishing first in the 300 intermediate hurdles in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyke's incredible athletic feat continues to be a source of great pride for his family and his fellow citizens of Eastview and McNairy County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wyke often trained for competition by running along U.S. Highway 45 in Eastview, and thus it is most appropriate that this segment of the highway should bear his honorable name in accordance with the request of the McNairy County Legislative Body and the Town of Eastview Legislative Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of U.S. Highway 45 in McNairy County from such highway's intersection with State Route 57 in the Town of Eastview northward to its intersection with

Ramer Selmer Road is hereby designated the "Frederick D. Wyke Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to a singular athlete and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers at two (2) appropriate locations on the segment of U.S. Highway 45 named by this resolution. Such signs or markers shall bear the following language in the following, or a similar, format:

"Frederick D. Wyke Memorial Highway
Tennessee State Champion".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Frederick D. Wyke Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highways described in this resolution as the "Frederick D. Wyke Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.